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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY VAKY FROM AMBASSADOR

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TAGS: OAS, NU, VE, UY
SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN REQUEST FOR MFM ON NICARAGUA

REF: (A) STATE 227730 (B) STATE 228502

1. WITH FOREIGN MINISTER TRAVELLING IN INTERIOR AND VICE
MINISTER HEADING LOS DELEGATION IN NEW YORK, TOOK
ADVANTAGE OF PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED SEPTEMBER 8 DCM CALL ON
FOREIGN POLICY DIRECTOR CARLOS GIAMBRUNO TO ASCERTAIN GOU
POSITION ON VENEZUELAN REQUEST. GIAMBRUNO, THE RANKING MAN
IN THE MINISTRY AT THE TIME AS WELL AS ONE MOST INVOLVED WITH
SUBSTANCE OF ISSUE, GAVE DCM THE FOLLOWING EXPLANATION OF GOU
POSITION.

2. URUGUAY AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE TRADITIONALLY HAS
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FAVORED CONVENING AN MFM IN SITUATIONS WHERE THERE IS A
REASONABLY APPARENT THREAT TO HEMISPHERIC PEACE AND SECURITY.
IN THE PRESENT INSTANCE, HOWEVER, THE GOU BELIEVES THE
VENEZUELAN HAVE NOT MADE A CASE SUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT THEIR
REQUEST FOR AN MFM. MOREOVER, BOTH THE STYLE AND SUBSTANCE
OF MACHIN'S SEPTEMBER 7 PRESENTATION APPEAR BLATANTLY
INTERVENTIONIST AND RAISE SERIOUS QUESTIONS AS TO THE MOTIVES

BEHIND THE VENEZUELAN MOVE. CONSEQUENTLY, IF THE VENEZUELAN REQUEST COMES TO A VOTE ON SEPTEMBER 12 URUGUAY WILL EITHER VOTE AGAINST IT OR ABSTAIN.

3. IN FURTHER DISCUSSION GIAMBRUNO INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOU IS NOT EAGER TO SEE THIS QUESTION BROUGHT TO A VOTE ON SEPTEMBER 12. THE GOU BELIEVES THAT THE CENTRAL AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS ARE THE MOST APPROPRIATE AND BEST QUALIFIED TO OFFER GOOD OFFICES TO NICARAGUA AND WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO IF THEY WISH TO TAKE SUCH AN INITIATIVE. THUS, IF A MOVE IS MADE AT THE SEPTEMBER 12 MEETING TO POSTPONE A VOTE ON THE VENEZUELAN REQUEST TO PERMIT A CENTRAL AMERICAN INITIATIVE THE GOU WOULD PROBABLY SUPPORT SUCH A DELAY.

4. RE REF B, GIAMBRUNO STATED THAT URUGUAY'S ASSESSMENT INDICATES THAT VENEZUELA DOES NOT HAVE THE NECESSARY 13 VOTES AND HE DOUBTS SERIOUSLY THAT IT CAN OBTAIN THEM. WITH REGARD TO SPECIFIC COUNTRY POSITIONS THEIR INFORMATION WAS THAT PERU WOULD ABSTAIN.
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